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System in their recommendations relating to reforms in the Higher Defence Management have recommended the setting up of a Defence Procurement Board. This is under implementation.

Outcome of operation "Poorna Vijaya"

†1240. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) in what way the "Operation Poorna Vijaya" conducted in May, 2001 by Indian Armed Forces differ from "Operation Brasstax" and "Operation Shiva Shakti";

(b) the outcome of the said exercise with regard to testing of arms, ammunitions and communications system and their efficacy;

(c) whether exercise pertaining to the safety against the atomic attacks as well as the retaliatory action has also been included in this operation;

(d) if not, whether the Armed Forces are imparted training regarding technical knowhow of atomic warfare; and

(e) the number of Indian Army and Air Force Personnel participated in this exercise together with the arms-ammunitions and equipments used therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) to (c) It would not be in the national/public interest to divulge the information.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.